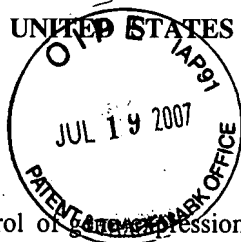


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of  
Richard J. Feldmann  
Application No. 10/609,383  
Filed: July 1, 2003



Art Unit 2857  
Examiner John S. Brusca

For: Modifying the control of gene expression behavior by the deletion of connectrons and by the design and addition of synthetic connectrons in prokaryotic, archaean and eukaryotic genomes

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF RESPONSE PERIOD**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Office Action.

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application.

The request extension and fee are as follows:

	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1))	\$ 120	\$ 60	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(2))	\$ 450	\$ 225	\$ _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3))	\$1020	\$ 510	<u>\$510.00</u>

- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.
- ☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees or additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 26-0090.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: July 19, 2007

In the event this paper is deemed not timely filed, the applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to Deposit Account No. 26-0090 along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper.